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Līhu'e man who died in Rice Street traffic crash identified

LĪHU'E – Kaua'i police have identified Jesse Santiago as the 50-year-old man who died in a single vehicle crash August 21 around 11:30 p.m. on Rice Street.

According to a police report, Santiago was driving a 2003 red Toyota pickup truck and was heading westbound on Rice Street when his vehicle struck a utility pole at the intersection of Eiwa Street. The truck continued heading in the same direction, striking another utility pole, before coming to rest in the westbound lane of Rice Street fronting the Kaua'i Museum.

Speed appears to be a contributing factor in the crash and toxicology results are still pending to determine if alcohol and/or drugs were also involved.

This was Kaua'i's sixth traffic fatality of 2020.

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